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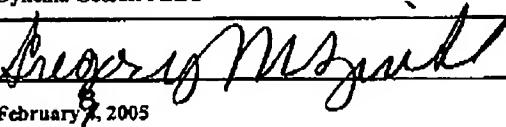
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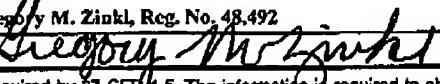
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In re application of: Mark O'Neill

Serial No.: 10/047,953 Group Art Unit: 2182

Filed: 01/15/2002 Examiner: Not assigned

For: System and Method for the Signing and Authentication of Configuration Settings Using Electronic Signatures

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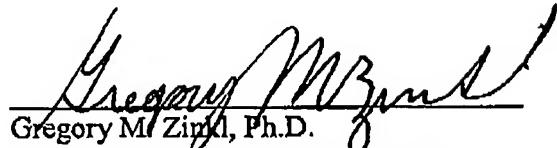
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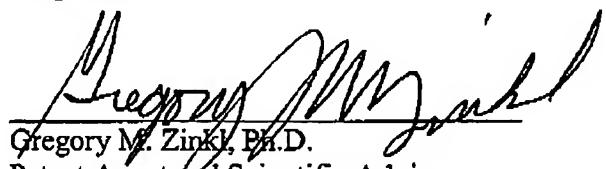
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I, Gregory M. Zinkl, Ph.D., a registered Patent Attorney having a Registration No. 48,492, and representative for Applicants in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/047,953 filed January 15, 2002, hereby certify that that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (including the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08a) was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee (\$)

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Multiple dependent claims

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Multiple Dependent Claims

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Title: System and Method For The Signing And Authentication Of Configuration Settings Using Electronic Signatures

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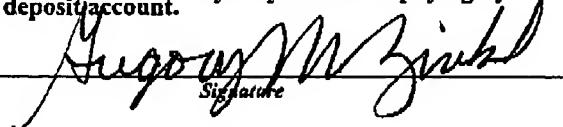
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